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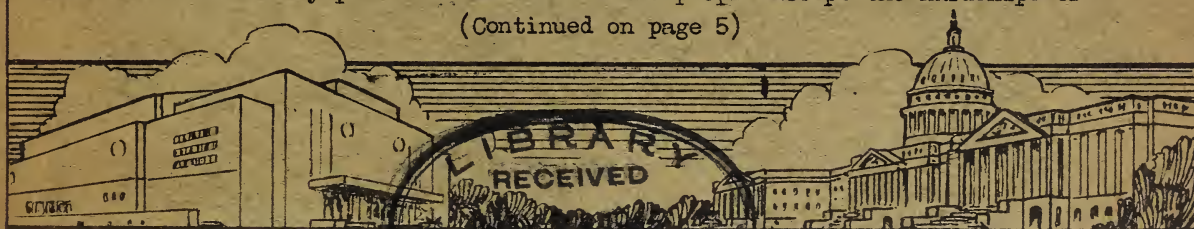
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## NEWS FROM OUR FIGHTING MEN

Lt. Frank Murphy. (North Africa) I wish I could satisfy your curiosity by telling you that this part of Africa is very wild and wooly, but we're somewhat north of the zoo in what turns out to be, in spots, a rather highly civilized country. It's a funny sort of mixture of the old and the new, all intermingled. A few feet from the most modern stores, apartment houses, and streets you will find Arabs living in their accustomed squalor. At night these Arabs, almost to a man, jam the air-raid shelters. In order of shelter priority, the Arab women come right after the men and goats. The inside of those shelters must really be something. A friend of mine happened to be nearby when an all-clear sounded and reports that the goats came out shaking their heads. On this score, I feel that what is too much for a goat would be too much for me....We're being pretty well supplied with food now, although the real improvement is rather recent. The latest and most welcome addition to our diet is creamery butter. It replaces some terrible stuff called "preserved butter," which the Borden Company's Elsie has been proclaiming as her contribution to the war effort. Shopping opportunities are generally very poor here because the German and Italian Armistice Commissions which used to operate here just about stripped the country of everything. The net effect is that about all I make is saved. This never happened to me before.

Major Elmer Humphrey. (North Africa) In England I had a very interesting tour of duty....For 4 months after leaving the USA I never saw a street light at night. It does not seem possible that there are children living in England who have not seen a street light or any light at night outside of the homes and yet be 4 years old. The people have walked around in the darkness every night for so long that they can now go about as we normally do. One thing that impressed me there was that England comes first before any personal desires and the people accept the hardships of

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## WHAT IS OUR JOB?

During wartime, when there is so much to be done and a shortage of manpower exists, we must sometimes do work that is not necessarily a part of what we regard as "our job." In the FCA where positions are classified, this means some of us must temporarily do work that was formerly done by a person in a higher grade position or work of a different type done by a person in the same grade. Some persons may feel that their new duties justify reclassification. And so they may. Then again, they may not.

The soldier's job is classified too; his duties, rank, and pay are definite. But he cannot quibble about unusual duties assigned to him. We should do whatever needs to be done. Duties are assigned to get work done. Employees are selected because of ability to do the job. There is dignity in every job well done; there is honor in every job well done. There is no FCA work that is unimportant.

Your supervisor is responsible for accomplishing the work of your office and is given the authority necessary to that purpose. If he assigns unusual or unexpected work to you, like a good soldier, accept it with an attitude of service.

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## FCA SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



### New FCA Employees to Service:

George J. Wienbarg	Pauline McCoy
Walter P. Kowalski	Emma R. Hubbs
N. Mercedes Goodsen	George J. Waas

TOTAL - 142

## Strictly Personal



Central Office Accounting. Eileen Hague, former Midwestern badminton champion, recently participated in a badminton exhibition match at the Kansas City Club.....Roberta Hooker is enjoying a 2-week vacation at Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and Portland.....Lucille Bateman returned after having spent a month in New York with her husband who is in the Merchant Marine.....Irma Dunn is enjoying a vacation of 2 weeks at her home in Harrisonville, Missouri.....Marian Morelock enjoyed a visit with her brother, home on furlough, in K. C. and also at her home in Greencastle, Missouri.....Ladora Robertson spent the week-end in St. Louis with her brother who is going into the Red Cross service.

Stenographic Section. Lorraine Lagergren spent a few days at her home in Orrick, Missouri.....Mrs. Nichols has

been with her husband who is seriously ill in the St. Joseph Hospital.....LaVeta Dexter spent the week end at her home in Frankfort, Kansas. Our well traveled stenographer is spending this week end in Topeka.....C. W. Kavanaugh of Jefferson City spent a day with Maurine Kavanaugh... We are very proud of the Stenographic Section. After all pledges were in, we found that the Section pledged \$124 to the Red Cross.

Bond & Cash. Marion Murphy was away from the office for 10 days while her husband, Morrill, was home on furlough. Morrill graduated from Officer's Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant prior to his furlough. He formerly worked in the Reports Section.....Foye Byrd is spending her vacation from April 6 through the 22nd at her home in Cordele, Georgia.....Lorraine Meuers spent a few days during the first part of April visiting a friend in the Signal Corps at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Solicitor's Office. Carol Schoonmaker left April 1 to take up new duties and make her home in Philadelphia. Reason: One husband 50 miles away.....Margaret Porter is the proud mamma of a new Spinnet piano. Her sister and niece from Brooklyn, Iowa, visited her last week..... Frank Gallagher, recently transferred to Chicago, returned last week to pick up his wife and children left behind in his hasty departure.....Leaore Haslup was absent a few days.

Information & Extension. E. B. Reid has recently become a grandfather.....Violet Hardin's husband is stationed in Australia.....Dorothy Owens is now the owner of a Ford christened "Gardenia"..... Inez Barber spent several days with her husband at Chanute Field, Illinois..... Several of the girls are planning a Victory Garden.

Finance & Accounts. Virginia Lee Davis spent several days at home with neasles...

Samethea Roddy has been visiting her parents in Wichita Falls, Texas..... Sergeant Lowell Reed visited his sister, Reba Reed, at the office.....Reba Reed spent the week end at her home in Abilene, Kansas.....Yvonne Meuers was dinner hostess to the F&A women's bowling team April 1.....Mrs. J. D. Prater has been visiting her sister, Verna Brewer.

Reports Section. Dayton Peterson and Morrill Murphy, 2 of Report Section's many draftees, returned to FCA for a visit last week. Dayton and Morrill are now 2nd Lieutenants; the former stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and the latter "somewhere" in Texas.....Al Katz received his preliminary physical examination and no doubt will be on his way in the near future.....Mary Jane Blyholder spent several days last week visiting her mother at Grandview, Missouri.

General Files. Earl Estes is recuperating from an illness at his home in Blue Mountains, Mississippi.....Betty Lou Foster has gone to be with her parents in St. Joseph, Missouri.....Everyone in General Files will miss her.....Emma Lee Kelly has taken a position with the National War Labor Board.....Mrs. Marie Denton will soon be leaving to take a position in Washington with the Department of Interior.....Helen Ford, formerly of General Files, who is now working at Federal Housing, dropped in for a visit recently.....Dorothy Stockton is visiting her sister in Detroit, Michigan..... Mrs. Ruth visited her husband in Chicago last week end. Mr. Ruth is still stationed at the U. S. Naval Training School Navy Pier, Chicago.....A dinner party was held by the clerks in Mrs. Thomas' unit in the Drum Room of the Hotel President. W. S. Harris was one of their guests.....Mrs. Thomas entertained at a bridge party March 27. Those attending were Miss Connor, Miss Prienkert, Miss Ferguson, Miss Bursell, Mrs. Ruth, Louise Pressgrove, and Mary Mahoney.



Personnel. The Van Leer's have an addition to the household, an infant - 6 weeks old. A name has not yet been decided upon, but for the time being, just call him "Jiggs" (a cocker spaniel).....Lieut. and Mrs. Kenneth Num (Doris Boone) of Abilene, Texas, spent several hours in Personnel the other day visiting their friends.....Polly McCoy, Peggy Wilkinson, and Nell Mellott reported for active duty with the SPARS in New York March 25. Polly and Nell were among the unfortunates who drew upper bunks.....Robert and Eileen Coulter and infant son visited here for a few days prior to Bob's taking a position as Personnel Officer in the FCA of Omaha. Robert C., Jr., enjoyed immensely his visit to the office.

Examination. A. E. Woolsey has returned from a field trip which included a visit with his family in Chicago.....We are sorry to lose Dorothy Mills who leaves soon for Oklahoma City to accept a position with the State Health Department.... R. H. Gorrell is back at his desk after completing a special job in the office of the Custodian of Securities.....The reason B. J. Barrett has that lonely look is that his wife is in Los Angeles for an extended visit.....Mary Nolz week-ended with friends in Humboldt, Kansas..... Examiner Carl Nieberg of the Southern Division is visiting us.....Now we have a Marine. Dorothy Campbell has taken the oath and is awaiting call.....We thought we had a big news scoop when George Bartlett said he had 4 additions to his family, but he explained that they were 4 little kittens.

Land Bank. April first brought forth a raid on the Trick Shop's supply of false candy and rubber lead pencils. However, most of the men of this division were far too wily, or so they would have you believe, to be caught on April Fool's Day... Suzy Murrell is entertaining an air corps lieutenant who expects to go over-

seas shortly.....Even if William Allen White wasn't there to greet her, we'll bet Frances Kruse of the NFLA Section spent an enjoyable week end at her home in Emporia, Kansas.....Clarence Kongs, Naval Air Cadet, reports that after weeks of eager anticipation, the cadets' uniforms arrived - without the pants!... Old FCA friends of Dorothy Mahoney will be happy to hear that she and Lieutenant Mahoney are the proud parents of Carol Ann Mahoney, 7 lbs. 8 ozs. born March 23 .....We were sorry to hear that Bill Snyder and family were in an automobile accident enroute to Washington. Fortunately, no one was hurt, and they continued their journey by train.....WAAC Gertrude Grove is back from Ft. Leavenworth where she entertained the measles. GG stops by for occasional visits with her FCA friends.

Production Credit. Members of the Division held a farewell party for Paul E. James Sunday evening, March 28, at the home of Commissioner Arnold. Paul, who was a member of the Stockholders' Service Section, was a reserve officer. He left April 1 for Camp Wallace, near Galveston, Texas, as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Officers Training School.

#### LET'S PREPARE FOR THE HOBBY SHOW

Employees are showing interest in the Hobby Show which is being sponsored by the Farm Credit Club. Some of the exhibits to be shown are antique glassware, quilts, crocheted bedspreads, metalwork, carvings, paintings, scrapbooks, and miniature china animals. Employees have collected these objects or made them with their own hands.

The committee in charge of the show would welcome the opportunity to talk with those persons with interesting and unusual hobbies who are still in hiding. Those who have not yet returned the questionnaire published in the last issue of the "Grapevine" are again requested to do so. (AMP)



## OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

We understand that Jerry Phelan is a Navy Ensign.....Blanche Stone is recovering from an operation - she is in Garfield Hospital and seems to be getting along fine. She was glad to get the "Grapevines." (says that way she can keep up on the news).....We were glad to see C. A. Johnson and E. W. Smith from Kansas City - our only complaint is that they didn't stay long enough - but at that we heard about our friends.....CR&S and the Liaison staff is sorry to see Mrs. Earnisse resign and leave to return to her farm "out in Iowa" - but we guess her contribution to the war effort in raising crops will offset our feeling of loss. A farewell luncheon was given her by the girls of the Washington office at Hogates April 3.....Your Washington Reporter was happy to see Nell Mellott enroute to Hunter College, and spent a day and a half with her at her home in McConnelsburg, Pennsylvania.....This concludes the news for the present - except how is the old Spring Fever out there? Same as it is here?

(Ed. note: Our Washington Reporter has recently joined the Personnel staff of the Liaison Office.)

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rationing so that England may survive. But everyone must have their tea, war or no war. We got pretty disgusted at first as we would go after articles and find people gone to tea. Reminded me a lot of the tea times back at the old FCA when the going used to get so tough that we all had to take a rest.....I traveled enough to make me glad the war is over on this side and not at home. I have seen people's homes go up in debris in a split second and leave the people without a home and perhaps that poor family had saved for that home for a lifetime. Have seen ships torpedoed and sunk in a few

minutes, taking nearly all the crew down with them. This war is a terrible thing and I wonder why we call the poor devils in the jungles savages. The only difference that I see is that their way of killing costs so much less.....Last fall Uncle Sam sent me to North Africa and not for my health. After the trip over, it was a lot easier for the government to sell the \$10,000 life insurance.....This is some country. The natives have few furnishings in their "homes." When they move, the wife packs up their belongings in a skin or cloth and takes off down the road. The husband, I might add, gives her moral support by walking ahead empty-handed to show her the way. I would like to know how the Arab men have done it. The woman situation is well in hand.

James B. Craighill. (Ft. Monroe, Virginia) The "Grapevine" was a pleasant surprise which I enjoyed reading from cover to cover. I am now beginning my 7th week in Coast Artillery Officer Candidate School. An interesting feature is that most of my fellow candidates are fresh from the Pacific battle zones. They furnish such stiff competition that I'll be very fortunate not to be one of the almost 50 percent washed out before the 12 weeks are up.

Corporal Burton B. Moyer. (Ft. Meade, South Dakota) I should have thanked you long before this for the enjoyable copies of the Grapevine and for a Christmas gift of something which a soldier always appreciates.....I have been working 7 days a week and a few evenings. If the boys and girls in Farm Credit's Personnel Division ever complain about red tape in civilian personnel administration, they should stop for a few moments in a military personnel section and see what we have to put up with. Of course, the major reason for the greater complexity of military personnel procedures is that we have to account for our employees 24 hours of the day, in addition to feeding them, clothing them, and sheltering them.



My application for Army Administration Officer Candidate School has been approved and I hope to get away to my studies as soon as the Seventh Service Command receives another quota for that particular school.

Corporal E. L. Waterman. (Ft. Sill, Oklahoma) I was glad to get the copies of the "Grapevine" and hope they will continue to come. I read with envy the quotes from the others in the service - in California, Florida, North Africa. How do they do it? Thus far, I've spent the winter in cold, wet, and snowy northern Illinois and the spring in bleak, windy, and dusty Oklahoma. With such luck, I'll probably be in Trinidad for the summer and Iceland for next winter. This is not really a gripe, however, I like my work. I've been here 7 weeks and I'm about half through the course. At present, we are studying gunnery. We do most of our firing with 105's and 75's and the candidates actually direct the fire - observing the rounds through field glasses and giving the commands to adjust fire. It is really a thrilling experience. Imagine spotting a pair of old caisson wheels 3800 yards away, locating them by quick mental computation, and phoning commands to the guns 1000 yards off to one side. Everything about this school - the things they teach and the way they teach - strengthens my confidence in our artillery.....I have heard that Bernie Uhlenhop may be here. I'd appreciate it if you'd check your lists for his address. (Ed. Note: Pvt. W. B. Uhlenhop, Battery A, 27th Bn., 3rd Section, 7th Training Regiment, F.A.R.T.C., Ft. Sill, Okla.)

Captain Frank InMasche. (Knollwood Field, North Carolina) I sincerely appreciate being remembered by the Farm Credit Club and enjoy receiving the Club paper.....I feel that I am very fortunate in my present assignment with the Army Air Forces as my work is not only interesting, but excellent experience. I

am in the Manpower Branch of Management Control and am assisting in reorganizing installations, curtailing unnecessary activities, eliminating paper work, or anything that will result in more efficient utilization of manpower. This assignment requires considerable travel so I am hopeful that I shall be coming through Kansas City some time.

Nigel Graham. (San Diego, California) It sounds like all the boys are either gone or going. It must be a different place - nothing but women. What a place - wow! After I get out of boot camp, I think I am going to a radio school for 9 months. It has television and all kinds of radio, so I ought to have a good trade one of these days. Tyrone Power is out here and so is the guy that married Ginger Rogers.

Louis Almeida. (North Africa) You've probably received letters from other fellows who have gotten copies of the "Grapevine" so you know how much we appreciate it. Ten months overseas sharpens a guy's appetite for news from the states, and something like the "Grapevine," which is more or less personal, is that much more welcome..... The weather is warmer here, making it possible for us to bathe a little more often. Wonderful bathtubs, these new type helmets. We haven't had a stew for chow more than once a day during this week - I'm keeping my fingers crossed on that last one.

#### POSTAGE STAMPS AVAILABLE

The Farm Credit Club has arranged to keep a supply of postage stamps with Miss Lehman, Receptionist in the Fourteenth Street lobby, for the convenience of FCA employees. It is requested that employees who wish to buy stamps there have the exact change.



## FAREWELL FOR W. H. DROSTE

W. H. Droste's friends gathered in the ballroom of the President Hotel on Saturday evening, March 27, to bid him a fond farewell. V. P. Simmons doubled in brass as master of ceremonies and toastmaster. The speakers of the evening included Commissioners Rhea, Sanders, and Arnold, former Cooperative Bank Commissioner Frank Peck, and the new Deputy Governor, Bob McConnaughey. The burden of their combined songs was that St. Louis' gain is our loss. This sentiment was illustrated with stories of a more or less serious nature, rather less than more.

Governor Black closed this historic event by presenting the soon-to-be ex-deputy governor with a scroll inscribed "To Our Friend Walter H. Droste" and signed by all those in attendance and a few more who did not have the price of the dinner, as March 28 was so far from the last pay day, which happened also to be income tax day. The meeting closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." (PLR)

## WM. BURSON KILLED IN CRASH

Ensign William M. Burson, Jr., who will be remembered by his many friends throughout the FCA as an employee of the Credit Union Section, was killed in an airplane crash March 30. Bill was completing training as a naval air pilot in Jacksonville, Fla., when the fatal accident occurred, and had been previously stationed at the Anacostia Naval Air Station, Miami, Fla. At the time he enlisted, he was a Credit Union Representative. He will be remembered for his active interest in the dramatic program of the Farm Credit Club.

## ATTENTION SOLDIERS!

If you have a good snapshot of yourself on a camel, in a jeep, in a mudhole, or just you, we'd like to see it. Send us all the snaps you can.

# Sportlight



## ATTENTION SOFTBALL PLAYERS

All men interested in playing softball contact Andy Morrison in room 1354, extension 249. Suggestions as to where to find diamonds and what time is suitable for practice and games would be appreciated.

## BASKETBALL FANS ATTEND TOURNAMENT

Many enthusiastic basketball fans from FCA attended the Western NCAA tournament held in the Municipal Auditorium March 26 and 27. Wyoming won the Western title by victories of 53 to 50 over Oklahoma and 58 to 54 over Texas. Oklahoma finished third by winning a close game from Washington, 48 to 43. Sailors of Wyoming, Tucker of Oklahoma, and Hargis of Texas were the outstanding stars of the tournament.

On March 30, Wyoming, paced by Sailors' 16 points, defeated a strong Georgetown team in Madison Square Gardens to win the national NCAA championship. The score was 46 to 34.

## FCA BADMINTON CLUB

Badminton is under way. It is being played every Friday evening at Sunset Hill School gymnasium, Fifty-first and Wornall Road, from 7 until 11 p.m. Many are beginners. Those who have participated so far are: Georgie Arnold, Eleanor Bark, Edna Marie Bierne, Dorothy Carlstrom, Doris Eyth, Eleanor Ferguson, Bill Harris, John Kennedy, Elma Muller, Betty Oliver, Ethel Pritchard, Ton Pritchard, and Charlie Ritter. Come on out and join the fun! (DHC)

## FOUND

One Santa Claus suit, red, trimmed in white, large waist measurement. Owner may obtain suit by properly identifying himself at room 1154. (JMM)

## "WAGS" GO LITERARY

At the April 9th dinner meeting of the Farm Credit Club "WAGS," Lucille Achauer will lead a discussion on "Modern Fiction and Elements of its Appreciation." A book review of Le Grand Cannon's "Look to the Mountain" will be given by Margaret Demaree. (RSH)

## KNOW-YOUR-KANSAS-CITY TRIP NO. 3 - APRIL 18

The third in the series of Farm Credit Club trips in the vicinity of Kansas City will be to the mineral water spa of Missouri, Excelsior Springs, on April 18.

Our circle walk begins at the grounds of the Hall of Waters and goes over Siloam Mountain for a superb view of the surrounding territory. Then we shall follow the Excelsior Springs bridle path to Lake Maurer. This resort provides an excellent place for lunch with tables and fireplaces where you may roast your weiners. We will pass Crescent Lake and the McCleary estate on our ridge and woodland jaunt back to the city.

Spring flowers will be in bloom on Palm Sunday, and the new season's balmy air in the out-of-doors should prove particularly inviting to those who have spent 8 hours on each of the preceding 6 days laboring within the walls of the Municipal Auditorium.

Length of walk: 6 miles. Bus will leave Union Bus Depot, 9th and McGee Streets, at 9:30 Sunday morning. The fare will be \$1.52 round trip. Returning to Kansas City, the bus will leave at 5 in the afternoon. Bring lunch and cup, but leave

your store clothes at home. Those interested in going to Excelsior Springs on Saturday, April 17, for the week end, may obtain information from Miss Marquette, extension 287. (PLR)

## FCA GIRL JOINS AMERICAN LEGION

The first WAVE to join any post of the American Legion, Miss Connie Larson, is an employee of the FCA. Miss Larson, who is employed in the reviewing appraiser's office in Omaha, Nebraska, was honorably discharged from the WAVES last November 27, and recently was admitted to membership in Omaha Post No. 1.

## CLUB RECORDS TRANSFERRED

Records of the Farm Credit Club have been transferred to the Employee Relations Unit of the Personnel Division from the custody of Carl Bark.

## NEW CLUB LIBRARY BOOKS

Faked Passports by Dennis Wheatley  
The Brass Chills by Hugh Pentecost  
The Forest and the Fort by Hervey Allen

## SPANISH CLUB GUEST

E. W. Ranck, appraiser in the Puerto Rican branch of the Baltimore Federal Land Bank, was a luncheon guest this week of the Spanish Luncheon Club. He was attending a conference of appraisers here. (AED)

## CREDIT UNION LEAGUE MEETING

The FCA Employees Federal Credit Union is sending 2 delegates and 2 alternates to the 1943 convention of the Missouri Mutual Credit League which will be held at the Hotel Continental on Friday evening and Saturday of this week. The League membership consists of Federal and State chartered credit unions operating in Missouri. The FCA credit union became a member of the League in January of this year. (MP)